Statement of DG of GATl'

*254. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :†

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's allention has been drawn to the recently reported statement of the Director General, GATT. that the large and broad-based package of market liberalion was within reach: and

(b) if so, what is Governmeni's mformurion about the package ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERGE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) :

(c) find (b) Yes Sir. The Director Gene-ral GATT, Mr. Peter Sutherland made this statement at the Trade Neogitations Committee meeting held on 19 November, 1993. This has since been overtaken by subsequent events with the conclusion of '. substantive negotiations on the Uruguay Round Agreements on 15 December, 1993. However, work en the verification of sche- : dules ct concessions on tariffs market ac-cess offers in services and lists of commitments in agriculture is likely to continue until the end of March 1994. Therefore, the final package will emerge only at that time.

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAil-RAO SHINDE : Madam, has any representation from the Agriculture Ministry been received ? If received, what are its contents ? Unless this representation is properly received and considered in the month of March, 1994, proper representation cannot be made. Therefore, could the hon. Minister explain the contents of the memorandum or the representation of the Agiiculture Ministry 7

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sushilkumar Sambhajiirap shinde.

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : Madam, the views of the Agriculture Minister are well known and these views have been taken into considerition while the whole thing was being discussed here. Ii was also made known here as to what the views of the Agriculture Minister were. So far as the final shape is concerned, as I just now submitted, there is still time and all these things will be looked into,

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : 1 am satisfied.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : It hardly happens that a Member is statisfied. I am very happy, hon. Minister, that you have been able to satisfy him. Please try to do it with all the Members.

255. *[Transfeired to the 23rd Decern-, ber.* 1993]

256. *[The Questioners (Shri Rajubhai. A.Parniar) was absent. For Answer vide col. . : .infra]*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Mehta, you are walking in and walkking out of (he House *....(Interruptions)....,* SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : I thought *I* wont *come.. .(lnterruptions)... Th*ers is a ban on the import of video and still *camera... .(Interruptions)....*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You should call the *cpxestioa. .(lnterruptions)..*

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Q. No. *257.*

SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : Madam, my apologies. As there were too many questions, *I* must have mixed up the papers. A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

उपसभापति : कैमरा आप के हाउस में नहीं है, इस लिए आपको पता नहीं लग रहा है [व्यवधान] श्री चिमनभाई मेहता, सवाल पछिए।